ROCKET NO.:FMC-1213

JAN 2 2 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Rolf Bjerkvig

Serial No.: 09/763,682

Filed: April 27, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Jon E. Angell

W/I.D.S.

For:

ALGINATE CAPSULES FOR USE IN THE TREATMENT OF

BRAIN TUMOR

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: EL 926695208 US DATE OF DEPOSIT: JANUARY 22, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action issued October 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, without prejudice.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 12, 17, 19, 21, and 32 to read as follows.

12. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising a producer cell that expresses a molecule that is an inhibitor of the growth of a CNS tumor, the cell being encapsulated in a matrix that comprises an immunoisolating alginate having a G content of above 15%, wherein the molecule is endostatin, angiostatin, thrombospondin, or prolactin.

Ab.